

ENGL 3003 ~ Adolescent Literature
Guide to Library Resources for Author Report

Reference Resources

Children's Catalog – SERIAL 011.62 C437 (Located on the index tables behind REF sec.)

- Index to children's literature organized by author, title, and subject.

The Continuum Encyclopedia of Children's Literature – REF 809.89282 C767 and
The Continuum Encyclopedia of Young Adult Literature – REF 809.89282 C767 2005

- Author articles combine biographical information, awards, and critical commentary. Listings following each article include awards (not comprehensive), additional works, and biographical references.

Dictionary of American Children's Fiction – REF 809.89282 H366 and
Dictionary of American Young Adult Children's Fiction, 1997-2001 – REF 809.89282 H366 2004

- This series includes only those books that have received awards or have been placed on citation lists during the period represented in each volume (volumes cover 1859-1999). Look up the author's name for biographical entries. Look up the book title for plot summary, brief critical commentary, and award information.
- Asterisked book titles in author entries appear as their own entry.

Junior Authors & Illustrators – REF 809.89282 J959

- Entries include both autobiographical and biographical sketches. A selected works list and bibliography follow each article. The comprehensive index is located in the 7th Book (1996).

The Oxford Encyclopedia of Children's Literature – REF 809-89282 Ox2

- This set contains brief introductions to authors and their works. The cumulative index is located in the last volume.

St. James Guide to Children's Writers – REF 809.89282 Sa25 and
St. James Guide to Young Adult Writers – REF 809.89282 Sa25y

- Entries include biographical facts, lists of publications, and award information. Autobiographical comments occasionally appear.

The Undergraduate's Companion to Children's Writers and Their Web Sites – REF 809.89282 St47

- Each entry includes a list of web sites and citations for biographical and critical works. Use this source carefully, as the audience level for some of the web sites and critical essays may be below college scholarly level.

This is not an exhaustive list of resources—this is only a starting point. Other notable resources are located in the reference section at 809.89282. As you will notice above, many young adult authors are also discussed in works about children's authors.



Online Resources

Access the library's online resources by going to the "Journal Articles and Online Resources" section of the library web site (www.swu.edu/library).

Biography Resource Center & Literature Resource Center

- Biography Resource Center provides biographical information gathered from Thomson Gale Biographies, articles, and web sites.
- Literature Resource Center provides biographical information, as well as criticism and bibliographies. Titles in this series include *Contemporary Authors*, *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, etc. Print copies of these resources are located in the reference section of the library. If using the print copies, refer to the blue paperback index, located at REF 928 C767.

Scribner's Writers Series

- This series is available full-text online, and some titles are also available in our print reference collection. Scribner's provides extensive critical essays.

MLA International Bibliography

- MLA is the subject database for literature, which indexes articles about authors and their works.

SWUcat Online Catalog ~ <http://www.swu.edu/library>

- Conduct a subject search for your author (ex: Paterson, Katherine).
 - If no subdivision is listed, the item is a general biography.
 - The subdivision "Criticism and interpretation" indicates the item is about the author's works (ex: Paterson, Katherine—Criticism and interpretation).

Links to Book Award Web Sites

Newbery Medal:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds/newberymedal/newberymedal.htm>

Coretta Scott King Award:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/emiert/corettascottkingbookaward/corettascott.htm>

Other Notable Websites

Database of Award-Winning Children's Literature ~ <http://www.dawcl.com/>

- Allows you to locate young adult literature based on specific criteria that you select. This tool is useful for compiling a reading list.

Librarians' Internet Index: Websites You Can Trust ~ <http://www.lii.org>

- Locate the *Arts & Humanities* heading, then select *Literature & Books*. From here, explore the links under *Children's Literature* and *Teen/Young Adult Literature*.